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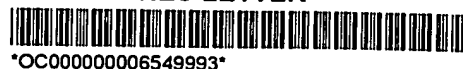
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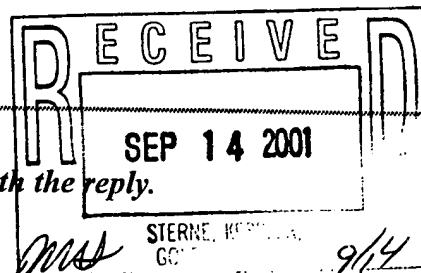
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36.
 - \$36 for 2 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 876.

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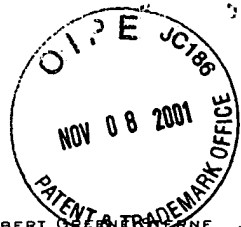
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Box: Missing Parts

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/918,724, Filed: August 1, 2001
For: **Method and System for Recovering Information From a Magnetic
Field Signal Usable for Locating an Underground Object**
Inventors: Richard W. FLING *et al.*
Our Ref: 2037.0040000

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated **September 13, 2001**, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
4. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
5. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with a copy of the Assignment attached;
6. One (1) return postcard; and

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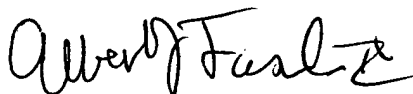
7. Our check no. 33124 for \$906.00 to cover:
 \$740.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16);
 \$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16); and
 \$ 36.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16).

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Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



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Enclosures

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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| Application Number | 09/918,724 |
| Filing Date | August 1, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Richard W. FLING |
| Examiner Name | To Be Assigned |
| Group Art Unit | 2631 |
| Attorney Docket No. | 2037.0040000 |

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 101 | 740 | 201 | 370 | Utility filing fee | 740.00 |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | | | 740.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Extra | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims 22 - 20** = 2 | X 18.00 | = 36.00 |
| Indep. Claims 3 - 3** = 0 | X 84.00 | = 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | = |

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim |
| 108 | 84 | 209 | 42 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 36.00)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee paid |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 130.00 |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 130 | 123 | 130 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 481 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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